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The students were recruited by informing high school science teachers and guidance counselors of the traineeship program. Project directors reviewed the students recommended by the high school staff and decide which student(s) they would like to work with. A central management office for the students will hire the students as temporary employees of the University of Michigan, ensure that they comply with a traineeship award agreement, and arrange timecards and payments.

Each student was expected to be present for assignment on a Navy-sponsored project for a total of 200 hours during the award period. Individual project directors will determine the specific schedules and duties of their student assistants.

The program ran successfully until the funds were cut by ONR. A survey of participants indicated that the program influenced students to seek careers in Engineering and Science.

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